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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Title:

NETWORK COMPRISING A PLURALITY OF NETWORK NODES AND AT

LEAST ONE STAR NODE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated March 16, 2004, in which Claims 1-11 were finally rejected. In order to place this application in condition for allowance or in better form for consideration on appeal, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered as follows: